

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: One bill was introduced as follows: S. 3364. **Page S4789**

Measures Passed:

D.C. Courts and Public Defender Service Act: Senate passed S. 1379, to amend title 11, District of Columbia Official Code, to revise certain administrative authorities of the District of Columbia courts, and to authorize the District of Columbia Public Defender Service to provide professional liability insurance for officers and employees of the Service for claims relating to services furnished within the scope of employment with the Service, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Pages S4790–91**

Measures Considered:

Small Business Jobs and Tax Relief Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2237, to provide a temporary in-

come tax credit for increased payroll and extend bonus depreciation for an additional year.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 4:23 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 10, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4792.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 6079–6089; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 718, 725, were introduced. **Page H4684**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4685–86**

Reports Filed: A report was filed on July 2, 2012 as follows:

H.R. 5872, to require the President to provide a report detailing the sequester required by the Budget Control Act of 2011 on January 2, 2013, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–577).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1192, to extend the current royalty rate for soda ash, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–578);

H.R. 2027, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI–04P, Easton Beach Unit RI–05P, Almy Pond Unit RI–06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI–07 in Rhode Island (H. Rept. 112–579);

H.R. 2154, to correct the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Gasparilla Island Unit FL–70P, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–580);

S. 270, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Deschutes County, Oregon (H. Rept. 112–581);

H.R. 6019, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the use of Juvenile Accountability Block Grants for programs to prevent and address occurrences of bullying and to reauthorize the Juvenile Accountability Block Grants program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–582);

H.R. 4402, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of the minerals and mineral materials of strategic and critical importance to United States economic and national security and manufacturing competitiveness, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–583, Pt. 1);

H.R. 1171, to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–584, Pt. 1);

H.R. 4155, to direct the head of each Federal department and agency to treat relevant military training as sufficient to satisfy training or certification requirements for Federal licenses, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–585);

H.R. 4273, to clarify that compliance with an emergency order under section 202(c) of the Federal Power Act may not be considered a violation of any Federal, State, or local environmental law or regulation, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–586); and

H. Res. 724, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6079) to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and health care-related provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (H. Rept. 112–587).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Harris to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:11 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m.

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Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative McCotter, wherein he resigned as Representative for the Eleventh Congressional District of Michigan, effective at midnight on Friday, July 6, 2012.

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Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Michigan, Mr. McCotter, the whole number of the House is 432.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Veteran Skills to Jobs Act: H.R. 4155, amended, to direct the head of each Federal department and agency to treat relevant military training as sufficient to satisfy training or certification requirements for Federal licenses, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 369 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 452;

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Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2012: H.R. 4114, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2012, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans;

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Amend the Electronic Fund Transfer Act to limit the fee disclosure requirement for an automatic teller machine to the screen of that machine: H.R. 4367, to amend the Electronic Fund Transfer Act to limit the fee disclosure requirement for an automatic teller machine to the screen of that machine, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 371 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 453;

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Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2012: H.R. 5892, to improve hydropower, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 372 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 454; and

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Former Charleston Naval Base Land Exchange Act of 2012: S. 2061, to provide for an exchange of land between the Department of Homeland Security and the South Carolina State Ports Authority.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H4659.

Senate Referrals: S. 3238 was referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs; S. 2165, S. 2239, and S. 3363 were held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4670, H4670–71, and H4671–72. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HUMAN RIGHTS ATTACKS ON FAMILIES IN CHINA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee On Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights held a hearing entitled “Continued Human Rights Attacks on Families in China”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REPEAL OF OBAMACARE ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on “Repeal of ObamaCare Act”. The Committee granted, by a record vote, a closed rule providing five hours of debate to be allocated as follows: 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their respective designees; 60 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce; 60 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce; 60 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means; 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget; 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee of the Judiciary; and 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Small Business.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Pitts, Pallone, Schakowsky, Price (GA), Levin, Roe (TN), Andrews, Schwartz, Welch (VT), and Garamendi.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D681)

H.R. 6064, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs. Signed on June 29, 2012. (Public Law 112–140)

H.R. 4348, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs. Signed on July 6, 2012. (Public Law 112–141)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a closed briefing on ongoing counterterrorism operations, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine developing the framework for safe and efficient mobile payments, part 2, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine boosting opportunities and growth through tax reform, focusing on helping more young people achieve the American dream, 2 p.m., SD–215.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Afghan National Military Hospital”, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “The American Energy Initiative”, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission”, 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled “The Impact of Dodd-Frank on Customers, Credit, and Job Creators”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing entitled “U.S. Policy Toward Nigeria: West Africa’s Troubled Titan”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing entitled “Chronic Kleptocracy: Corruption within the Palestinian Political Establishment”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, hearing entitled “Building a Secure Community: How Can DHS Better Leverage State and Local Partnerships?”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Transportation Security, “Challenging the Status Quo at TSA: Perspectives on the Future of Transportation Security”, 12:30 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup of the following measures: H.R. 3796, the “Adam Walsh Reauthorization Act of 2012”; H.R. 4362, the “Stopping Tax Offenders and Prosecuting Identity Theft Act of 2012”; H.R. 6063, to amend title 18, United States